

**PATENT**  
5681-11700/P7517

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/087,234 § Examiner: Hwang, Joon H.  
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Title: LOCK MECHANISM FOR §  
A DISTRIBUTED DATA §  
SYSTEM §  
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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 6, 2006**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of December 6, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.